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## -adjective

1. fastened, attached, or placed so as to be firm and not readily movable; firmly implanted; stationary; rigid.
2. rendered stable or permanent, as color.
3. set or intent upon something; steadily directed: *a fixed stare*.
4. definitely and permanently placed: *a fixed buoy*; *a fixed line of defense*.
5. not fluctuating or varying; definite: *a fixed purpose*.
6. supplied with or having enough of something necessary or wanted, as money.
7. coming each year on the same calendar date: *Christmas is a fixed holiday, but Easter is not*.
8. put in order.
9. *Informal.* arranged in advance privately or dishonestly: *a fixed horse race*.
10. *Chemistry.*
  - a. (of an element) taken into a compound from its free state.
  - b. nonvolatile, or not easily volatilized: *a fixed oil*.
11. *Mathematics.* (of a point) mapped to itself by a given function.

Compare BROUWER FIXED-POINT THEOREM.

## Origin:

1350-1400; ME; see FIX, -ED <sup>2</sup>

## Related forms:

fix-ed-ly [fiks-lee] [fiks-lee] [Show IPA](#), adverb  
fix-ed-ness, noun

## Synonyms:

3. constant, steady, unvarying, unwavering, firm.

fix [fiks] [Show IPA](#) verb, fixed or fixt, fix-ing, noun

## -verb (used with object)

1. to repair; mend.
2. to put in order or in good condition; adjust or arrange: *She fixed her hair in a bun*.
3. to make fast, firm, or stable.
4. to place definitely and more or less permanently: *to fix a circus poster to a wall*.
5. to settle definitely; determine: *to fix a price*.
6. to direct (the eyes, the attention, etc.) steadily: *His eyes were fixed on the distant ship*.
7. to attract and hold (the eye, the attention, etc.).
8. to make set or rigid.
9. to put into permanent form.
10. to put or place (responsibility, blame, etc.) on a person.
11. to assign or refer to a definite place, time, etc.
12. to provide or supply with (something needed or wanted): *How are you fixed for money?*
13. or dishonestly: *to fix a jury*; *to fix a game*.
14. to get (a meal); prepare (food): *What time shall I fix supper?*
15. *Informal.* to put in a condition or position to make no further trouble.
16. *Informal.* to get even with; get revenge upon: *I'll fix him!*
17. *Informal.* to castrate or spay (an animal, esp. a pet).
18. *Chemistry.*
  - a. to make stable in consistency or condition; reduce from fluidity or volatility to a more stable state.
  - b. to convert atmospheric nitrogen into a useful compound, as a nitrate fertilizer.
19. *Photography.* to render (an image) permanent by removing light-sensitive silver halides.
20. *Microscopy.* to kill, make rigid, and preserve for microscopic study.

## -verb (used without object)

21. to become fixed.
22. to become set; assume a rigid or solid form.
23. to become stable or permanent.

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